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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DEPFONMIN WAHID ELPULLUB

REF: A) STATE 210797; B) STATE 213341 (NOTAL); C) KABUL 7332

1. I HAD LENGTHY AND GENERALLY AMIABLE TALK WITH WAHID
ABDULLAH NOVEMBER 4 AT WHICH HE REPLAYED HIS US VISIT FOR ME.
ALTHOUGH INTELLECTUALLY HE UNDERSTANDSWHY CALL ON PRESIDENT
PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, AT EMOTIONAL LEVEL HE IS STILL RATHER
BRUISED, REPEATING THAT "SURELY FOUR OR FIVE MINUTES COULD
HAVE BEEN FOUND." SAID "PRESIDENT DAOUD WAS EXTREMELY UNHAPPY
AT OUTCOME, THOUGH THE VERY GOOD LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON
HAD HELPED THINGS A LOT." (REF B) (WE HAVE NOW LEARNED FROM
A RELIABLE SEPARATE SOURCE THAT DAOUD IS INDEED HIGHLY
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ANNOYED AND, AS PREDICTED, WILL LAUNCH SOME FORMS OF HARRASSMENT

OF US MISSION TO SHOW HIS DISPLEASURE.)

2. ABDULLAH WENT TO SOME PAINS TO STRESS THAT, DESPITE UNHAPPY OUTCOME OF HIS PRIMARY MISSION, HIS TALKS WITH ACTING SECRETARY RUSH, LAINGEN, ET AL, ON BILATERAL AND REGIONAL CONCERNS WERE HIGHLY USEFUL. HE UNDERScoreD POINT THAT DAOUD REGIME WAS ANXIOUS MAINTAIN AND DEEPEN PAST FRIENDSHIP AND HOPED FOR INCREASED US ECONOMIC AID IN FUTURE. I MADE FRIENDLY THOUGH NONCOMMITAL REPLY, THEN TOOK OPPORTUNITY CITE CURRENT PROBLEMS IN MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND FINANCE WHERE HOSTILE, ANTI-AMERICAN ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS NOW CREATES VERY DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT FOR ON-GOING US PROJECTS. SUGGESTED NONE TOO DIPLOMATICALLY THAT IN TALKING ABOUT FUTURE AID PROSPECTS, REGIME'S ACTIONS WILL SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS IN INFLUENCING OUR DECISIONS. HE GOT POINT, TOOK CAREFUL NOTE, AND SAID HE WOULD "STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT." ALSO ENCOURAGED ME TO BRING OTHER CONCRETE CASES OF SUCH PROBLEMS TO HIM FOR RESOLUTION.

3. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT WIDESPREAD RUMORS OF IMPENDING CABINET SHAKEUP, ABDULLAH CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY CHANGES WOULD OCCUR BEFORE NEW CONSTITUTION IS INTRODUCED. (ALSO DENIED IT YET DRAFTED, AND SET YKTUIKQU,#1974, AS DAOUD'S GOAL FOR ITS COMPLETION.

4. ABDULLAH SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE MET AMBASSADOR ELIOT IN WASHINGTON, HAD BEEN VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED, AND HAD CONVEYED THIS HIGHLY POSITIVE INITIAL IMPRESSION TO DAOUD.

5. NO DISCUSSION, FOR ONCE, OF PAKISTAN. I WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE RESPITE.
LEWIS

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